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1. CHARGE MET WITH ZANTOVSKY AND HIS DEPUTY NOVOTNY
AT MFA SEPT 27 TO DISCUSS PLANS FOR HARTMAN VISIT.

2. IN ABSENCE SPACIL IN LONDON OCT 8, DEPUTY FOREIGN
MINISTER VOJTA WILL MEET HARTMAN AT AIRPORT. (VOJTA
NORMALLY HANDLES THIRD WORLD. HE WILL SERVE AS
BACK-UP TO SPACIL, IN CASE SPACIL SHOULD MISS CONNEC-
TIONS RETURNING FROM LONDON AND MISS PART OF TALKS.
THE CZECHS ARE MAKING EVERY EFFORT HOWEVER TO SEE
THAT THIS DOES NOT HAPPEN.) MFA WILL NOT MAKE ANY
PLANS FOR EVENING OCT 8, BUT WILL HELP SET UP SOME
SIGHTSEEING FOR MORNING OCT 9. SPECIAL PLANS WILL
ALSO BE MADE FOR MRS. HARTMAN FOR AFTERNOON OCT 9.

3. LUNCH HOSTED BY SPACIL WILL BE AT NOON AT
CZERNIN PALACE (MFA) AND WILL INCLUDE WIVES. TALKS
WILL TAKE PLACE AFTER LUNCH UNTIL 3:30 PM. FOL-
LOWING TALKS, HARTMAN WILL BE RECEIVED BY FIRST
DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER KRAJCIR. LATER, PROBABLY
ABOUT 5:30, HE WILL BE RECEIVED BY DEPUTY PRIME
MINISTER ZAHRADNIK. (CHARGE HAS POSTPONED START
OF RECEPTION UNTIL 6:30 WITH THIS CALL IN MIND,
ALTHOUGH OF COURSE THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY MAY
ARRIVE SOMEWHAT LATE FOR THE RECEPTION IF NEED
BE.)

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4. FOLLOWING RECEPTION, MFA WOULD LIKE TO HOST

HARTMAN DELEGATION AT INFORMAL EVENING
IN PRAGUE.

5. NO SPECIFIC PLANS ARE BEING MADE BY MFA FOR
MORNING OCT 10, ALTHOUGH ZANAVSKY WILL BE AVAIL-
ABLE TO MEET WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY IN CASE THERE
IS ANYTHING WHICH COMES OCT 9 THAT NEEDS FUR-
THER DISCUSSION. VOJTA WILL ALSO SEE TO FAREWELL
AT AIRPORT AT 11:00.

6. AKSED ABOUT SUBJECT TO BE DISCUSSED, CHARGE
SAID HE WOULD ASSUME THAT ON BILATERAL SIDE,
HARTMAN WOULD GIVE STATUS REPORT ON CLAIMS ISSUE
(CHARGE CAUTIONED THAT WHILE US SIDE WAS WORKING
ON THIS PROBLEM, WE MIGHT NOT YET BE AT STAGE
FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO HAVE ANY HARD NEWS
TO DELIVER), AND WOULD PROBABLY DISCUSS A CULTURAL
SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGES AGREEMENT, DIVIDED FAMILIES,
AND PERHAPS SOME PRESS ISSUES. ON INTERNATIONAL
QUESTIONS, CHARGE MENTIONED CSCE IMPLEMENTATION AND
MBFR AS BEING LIKELY TOPICS. (COMMENT: WE FELT
THAT THESE WERE THE MAIN TOPICS IT WAS WORTHWHILE
TO MENTION BEFOREHAND TO MFA. IF OTHER TOPICS
SHOULD BE ADDED, OR IF EMBASSY SHOULD SAY ANYTHING
PARTICULAR ABOUT THOSE CITED ABOVE, WE WOULD APPRE-
CIATE INSTRUCTIONS.)

7. ALTHOUGH BOXED IN BY A TIGHT SCHEDULE, THE
CZECHS, WE FEEL, ARE DOING A COMMENDABLE JOB OF
ARRANGING EVERY ELEMENT OF THE USUAL HIGH-LEVEL
VISIT, INCLUDING RECEPTION BY DEPUTY VPRIME MINISTER.
WE THINK THEY ARE DOING THEIR VERY BEST TO SHOW
THE IMPORTANCE THEY ATTACH TO THE VISIT.
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